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Mr. President.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Thank you, Madam Clerk. The amendment is adopted. We're now debating advancement of the bill. Senator Baker, you're recognized to close on the advancement of the bill.

SENATOR BAKER: Thank you, Mr. Speaker and members. I want to, for the record, I need to make a correction. The case that came out of Lincoln County Court was Judge Rowlands, not Judge Murphy. Judge Rowlands issued that opinion. I appreciate the discussion here. It's an area that I don't have a lot of expertise in and, as I said, it was brought to me...be...my attention because of a case there north of my legislative district and I said, yes, we'd work on it. I certainly have no sympathy whatsoever for a convicted offender who thinks they're going to get out of the spotlight by changing their name, so I certainly will work with Senator Chambers. If we can find a way to...to make sure that these people do not change their name and, thereby, dodge the spotlight, I will work with Senator Chambers on that, however we can do that. As I said, I have no sympathy whatsoever for these people. We'll work with Senator Bourne on a few word changes here and likewise with Senator Chambers. So I think the bill, you know, it's in pretty good shape other than there's some minor things we need to tweak here and I certainly pledge to do that and I'm sure the State Patrol will agree with that. It's important that we get the bill passed this session because there are some funds avail...some funds at risk here if we don't. And, also, as Senator Bruning has pointed out and some...Senator Cudaback and so on, there have been some serious problems with the lack of...of the...of requirements of the convicted sex offender when they may be just working in a county for a rather expended...extended period of time or attending class or they even move within a county, so it's important that we advance this bill. I pledge that I will work with the people and their concerns on this before we get to Select File and I ask that you vote to advance LB 564. Thank you.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: You've heard the closing. The question before the body is the advancement of LB 564. All those in